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We hope to have a complete rundown on the 1981 TNA convention plans

1st REMEMBER The of April is the deadline for the May issue of TNA NEWS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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A prospective member of TNA asked the reason an applicant needed a sponsor. First, TNA is a group of individuals with a common interest in numismatics and enjoy the association with each other, all working to promote the science of numismatics.

TNA is a non-commercial organization without a material product to sell. It is an organization that each member promotes numismatics in various ways. Some are only collectors. Others are dealers. Others are collectors-dealers and others are collectors-exhibitors and a few are scholars and writers. All these compose an organization that maintains high ideals and unquestionable integrity.

The association would like to believe that all people have high ideals and unquestionable integrity. However, this is not a fact.

The founding members determined what would be the most equitable non-discriminatory method of selecting new members who meet the qualifications of membership. A TNA member in good standing would act as a sponsor for the applicant. Said member would sign as sponsor giving TNA number. This is sent to the TNA secretary along with the appropriate amount of dues. The applicant's name and the sponsor's name are published

in the official publication. If any member has an objection to said applicant, said objection must be in writing. The applicant has the opportunity to answer said objection. This is done in the presence of the governing board only and if no objection is given, the applicant becomes a member the following month after publication of name.

This procedure is followed by most all numismatic organizations. A similar procedure is followed by several clubs such as Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions and others.

This procedure is NOT a reflection on the character or integrity of the applicant, only a protection when said applicant becomes a member.

The sponsor is not responsible for the membership fees of the applicant.

Unless the applicant is personally known to the proposer, said proposer should inquire of the applicant certain facts to determine the desirability of the applicant for membership.

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The Houston Money Show was a very enjoyable event. Those in charge are to be commended for the hard work in providing this event.

Bourse tables for the TNA convention are sold out. There will be about

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HIS MAJESTY J. DOUGLAS FERGUSON

. . . king of numismatics

By Glen Littrell,
Corpus Christi, Tx

(The following is Glen W. Littrell's entry in National Coin Week competition sponsored by the American Numismatic Association. Littrell honors J. Douglas Ferguson of Canada, noted numismatist, and the whooping crane on a large wooden commemorative – Editor's Note.)

The name J. Douglas Ferguson is like an eternal inscription on a tabloid, engraved by the admiration of men who have known him on the road of time. He was born in rural Ontario in 1901 and later moved to Toronto where he completed his formal education at the University of Toronto.

His success in the field of business was remarkable and before he retired he served as chairman of the Canadian Business and Industry Committee to NATO and was vice president of the OECD World Body in Paris.

Ferguson attended his first ANA convention in 1930 at Buffalo, NY and 11 years later, in 1941, he was elected president of the ANA at Cincinnati, Ohio. He has also served as Honorary President of the CNA for many years.

The formation of the J. Douglas Ferguson Foundation and its annual Gold Medal award has served as a catalyst for numismatic endeavors throughout the western world.

J. D. himself has been the recipient of many noteworthy awards, including the Farren Zerbe award in 1966, which is the highest award in American numismatics. He also received the Medal of Merit of the ANA in 1947 and the Presidential Medal in 1948.

His famed diplomatic style, seasoned with a generous helping of unpretentiousness, is matched by a staggering storehouse of numismatic knowledge.

The need and desire to serve others has always been a motivating force in his everyday life. He has never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty and has looked for the best in others and given the best he had. His life has indeed been an inspiration to all who know him.



The side of the wood honoring Ferguson shows ten crowns in the design depicting the 10 provinces of Canada and a canoe and lamp represent logos of the two countries.

THE MAJESTIC WHOOPING CRANE

king of all the birds that fly
(*Grus Americana*)

From the salt marshes of Black Jack Peninsula, a few miles north of Corpus

Christi, TX, comes an unknown cue and a select gaggle of whooping cranes take off and spiral up into the sky until they disappear into the blue yonder. Then, dim with distance come the sound of bugging as the whoopers sweep north through the crisp April sky.

Shortly after there is another family air borne and then another and another, but no more than 100 for that is the limit of population for this almost extinct bird. Standing almost seven feet tall the whooper is the tallest of all North American birds. In the air it is even more magnificent. In flights, the white wings spread six feet in width and the black tips fan out like fingers and the head is extended forward, giving one the impression of the famous transoceanic Concorde streaking across the heavens. The

whoopers great white wings beat a powerful rhythm with a quick strong upward flick that propells the bird forward at about 45 miles an hour.

Each spring this beautiful bird selects the third week in April to migrate to their summer home at Wood Buffalo National Park between the headwaters of the Nyarling, the Sass and the Klew Rivers in the sub-arctic delta of northern Canada.

It is coincidental that both the United States and Canada have mutually agreed to focus on COIN WEEK on the same third week in April. Both countries are committed to the mutual protection of the endangered Whooping Crane. It is fitting that in this exact time frame the mighty whooper can be sighted crossing the common borders of these two great countries.

Bowers & Ruddy Galleries Acquires Ancient Greek Rarities

Bowers & Ruddy Galleries of Los Angeles is pleased to announce the acquisition of a collection of ancient Greek coins. The collection, purchased in Europe, consists entirely of coins struck at the Greek cities in Sicily and includes a number of the major rarities of the fifth century B.C. The collection is valued in excess of \$500,000.00.

Most notable are the silver tetradrachms all struck circa 460 B.C., the period of finest artistic work on Greek coins. The tetradrachm struck at Naxos is widely considered to be the finest example of Greek art on a coin. The obverse shows the bearded head of the god Dionysus and the reverse a squatting Silenus holding a wine cup.

Its value is estimated at over \$175,000.00.

Other coins in the collection include tetradrachms from Agrigentum, Messana, and Syracuse, mostly from the period 500-450 B.C. These pieces are in a state of preservation almost unknown for the types, some in mint state, perfectly struck and in high relief.

Highlights of the collection will be published in a full-color catalogue available free of charge from Bowers & Ruddy Galleries. Write to Bowers & Ruddy Galleries, Suite 600-NR, 6922 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles, California 90028.

THE ROMAN FORUM

By
Gerald W. Kendall
Houston, Texas

AMPHITHEATRUM FLAVIANUM (The Colosseum)

Of the legacy of learning art and architecture left by the Romans, no single monument is so awe inspiring as the Colosseum. The Romans would have no idea of the word Colosseum with the exception that it meant something of great size.

The man or woman who regularly attended the games for the daily or weekly blood baths knew this building as the Flavian Amphitheater. It was begun by Vespasian 69-79 on the site of a part of Nero's Golden House. This move drew great praise from the people for they felt that a part of the public grounds were returned to them which had been stolen from them for private use. Three years later in A.U.C. 823 (80 A.D.) it was completed and inaugurated by his son, Titus 79-81.

It is elliptical, rather than round, in shape and measures 620 by 513 feet. The arena measures 287 by 180 feet and the entire structure covers six acres. The top of the outer wall stands 160 feet high; about the height of a modern 16 story building. The materials used in building this wonder are travertine, a porous light-yellow form of lime stone, and concrete. The outer wall is of four stories, three arcaded with attached Doric, Ionic and Corinthian orders (1) and the top is solid with Corinthian pilasters and

windows. Some 50,000 (2) spectators could be seated to view the debacles of blood and death. The top was not covered but an awning could be drawn across to give some relief from the sun. To cover as well as possible the odors of blood, perspiration and excreta when the awning was drawn, perfumes were dropped from above the crowd.

Through the centuries it sustained damages from lightning, earthquakes and age. On several occasions it was repaired. When we visited Rome just last year, the Colosseum was in the process of being restored. The outer wall seemed to have been completed but restoration had not yet commenced on the interior. The same quarry was being used for the restoration materials as was used in the time of Titus. As we crossed a part way into the arena, the thunderous roar of the mob could still be heard though only faintly, dimmed by the centuries.

Rome was proud of her charnel house and a **sestertius** was struck on the occasion of the completion of the Colosseum. It seems that the issuing authority was the Senate rather than Titus. This coin is to be considered rare as all photographs that this writer has seen is of the same specimen located in the British Museum (BMC

190, RIC 110) The obverse legend reads IMP C CAES VESP AVG PM TR PPP COS VIII S C in right and left field Titus is seated on a curule chair amid various weapons and holds a branch and a roll

The reverse has no legend but depicts a view of the Colosseum showing the front from the outside and the back from the inside. Arches can be seen and the seats are filled with spectators. Many of the archways are filled with statues and all seems to be very faithfully reproduced

Another specimen assigned BMC 191 is similar but with the exception that T is omitted from the obverse legend and, most unfortunately, it has sustained heavy wear so that most of the details of the reverse are obscured. RIC gives an R(3) and if we may use the rarity scale of RIC Vol. VI, page xvii, there are "up to 10 specimens recorded". But if we are to use the scale of RIC Vol. VII, page xviii, the number is "4-6 coins known"

Stevenson cites another **sestertius** struck by Domitian 81-96 shortly after Titus was murdered by his brother. If this was an authentic coin, neither BMC or RIC records an example bearing the legend: DIVO AVG T DIVI VESPASIAN S C (3). The same source also quotes a third example with legend CAES DIVI VESP F DOMITIANVS COS VII S C. But again BMC and RIC do not record this coin.

Several of the emperors made restorations on the Colosseum from time to time. Antoninus Pius 138-161 repaired it but if any coins were struck to commemorate this event, none have survived. Flagaballus 218-222 started repairs after it had been damaged

in a violent storm, being struck by lightning(4) on Aug. 23, 217 during the short reign of Macrinus 217-218. However, the completion did not take place until 223 A.D. under the reign of Severus Alexander 222-235.

Three denominations bearing the Colosseum as a reverse type have been reported but the **denarius** of Severus Alexander (Cohen 247, Rotheln collection) if authentic is now lost (5). The British Museum does contain both a **sestertius** and an **as** bearing the reverse legend PONTH MAX TR P P S C and the obverse legend IMP C M AVR SIL ALEXAND AVG. The Colosseum scene is virtually the same as that of Titus with two notable exceptions, one being much loss of fine detail and workmanship and the other being a partial view of the arena in which there are two combatants and Severus Alexander is shown sacrificing on an altar. These two coins given RIC 410 and 411 both are rated R(4) (Vol. VI "up to 5 known" and Vol. VII "2-3 known"). There exists a superb **aureus**(6) not listed in BMC or RIC and Kent only references Hess-Leu 1964 333, cl. BMC 156.

Gordian III 238-244 who made restorations did not strike any coins but, rather, a large bronze medallion(7) which weighs 55.27 grams and measures about 36 mm in diameter. The obverse legend reads IMP GORDIANVS PIVS FELIX AVG. Gordian is shown laureate and draped, facing left and carrying a spear and a shield upon which a mounted horseman rides left. The reverse legend reads MVNIFICENTIA GORDIANI AVG. The Colosseum is shown similar to the

issue of Titus but with more loss of fine detail than that of Severus Alexander. Again the arena is shown but this time there are shown a bull fighting an elephant and rider. Now a statue of Fortuna has replaced Severus Alexander sacrificing.

The Colosseum underwent its last major repair under Valentinian III 425-455 and fell into disuse for public spectacles in the 6th Century(8). The violent earthquakes of the 13th and 14th centuries shook down a considerable portion of the outer arcade and the fallen materials provided a quarry for the builders of the palaces and churches of the Renaissance (9)

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1. The three forms of Greek architecture: a. Doric, earliest and most simple; b. Ionic, characterized by scroll-like ornaments of the capital; c. Corinthian, slender fluted columns with ornate, bell-shaped capitals decorated with a design of Acanthus leaves.

2. This figure is presented by the **Encyclopedia Britannica** and by Capt. Smyth, however, an estimate of 70,000 is recorded by some of the contemporary historians.

3. Stevenson, Seth W., **Dictionary of Roman Coins**, (Rep. 1964), p. 42.

4. Kent, J. P. C., **Roman Coins**, Harry N. Abrams, Inc., New York, 1978, p. 308.

5. Carson, R. A. G., **Coins of the Roman Empire in the British Museum**, Vol. VI Severus Alexander to Balbinus and Pupienus, The Trustees of the British Museum, London, 1962, p. 158. However, it is interesting that RIC still lists this coin, RIC 33 with R(3).

6. Kent, op. cit., p. 308, plate 119-424.

7. Ibid., p. 310, plate 124-448.

8. Ibid., p. 290.

9. Vision, S. R. L., **Rome, Past and Present**, Visions Publications, Rome, 1979, p. 10.

37 Kings of England Honored

After four years of research, Valcambi S.A. of Switzerland minted 10,000 collections of 10 coins of the Cayman Islands, honoring the 37 Kings of England. Each coin has a face value of \$25, has a diameter of 42 millimeters, weighs 550 grams and is of 500 fine silver. One coin honors Edward VII, George V, Edward VIII, and King George VI, while other coins in the series show from two to four kings, including the Anglo-Saxon kings Edward the Confessor and Harold II dating back to 1042 and on through history's pageant of Royal Houses.

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I want to thank the Dallas Coin Club for responding to my column on what clubs do to promote club attendance. The Dallas club has programs, auctions, door prizes and a Christmas party. They were the only ones to respond to my column.

It is time for everyone to get their exhibits ready for the TNA convention. I am hoping that more will get involved

in exhibits this year. I have moved up to the adult level this year and I expect to have a lot of competition. C. C. Andrews has announced that they will have an award for the exhibit selected by visitors for popular choice. There will also be a couple of other special awards. See page 20 of the January issue of TNA NEWS.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at TNA!

Architects Using More Gold

The Edmonton, Alberta, Canada architectural firm of John A. MacDonald Architects designed a 13 story building in Edmonton that is known as "the gold building on Jasper Street." Its real name, though, is Energy Square.

Although this building features curved corners, almost 11,000 square meters of office space, room for parking of 200 cars and a lobby with walls and floor of Italian Botticino travertine marble, its most outstanding feature is its gleaming, reflective Polarpane gold glass walls which offer a mirror image of Edmonton while helping make it the most efficient building in the city. It is the first building with gold reflective glass in Edmonton.

While gold is saving energy in

Edmonton, Canada, an application of rich gold leaf is helping to protect and embellish one of the most distinctive landmarks of Denver, Colo. - the golden dome of the state Capitol.

Among the most important reasons for using 23 karat gold leaf to cover the huge dome are its durability and relatively low cost. For example, the last gold leaf covering lasted almost 30 years, and at today's prices of gold and labor, gold itself represents only about 14% of the cost of the dome covering project.

Throughout the world, architects are profiting from the descriptive information and up-to-date technical data about gold leaf and gold glass which are presented in The Gold Institute's illustrated booklet, *Gold in Architecture*.

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N.L.G.

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EDITOR

Congressman Barry Goldwater Jr., son of the former Presidential candidate, has a way to lick the U.S. Postal Service's \$1.2 billion deficit — he wants to sell advertising space on postage stamps. Under Goldwater's Free Enterprise Postage Stamp proposal, names or corporate symbols of businesses could be printed on stamps for a 20-cent fee per stamp. He estimates this will produce about \$1.2 billion in additional revenue for the Postal Service. He said first reactions from the Postal Service were positive, but not so from stamp collectors. One collector said "It could make stamp collecting a laughingstock."

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Did you know that a Texan designed the new U.S. 15-cent commemorative stamp featuring a portrait of Sen. Everett Dirksen. Ron Adair of Dallas was the designer and submitted a pencil sketch of the senator. The stamp was issued Jan. 4 to honor Dirksen, an Illinois congressman. He died in 1969.

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Strange stamps. A stamp issued in 1903 by the Caribbean Islands of St. Kitts-Nevis shows Christopher Columbus looking through a telescope.

The telescope wasn't invented until after he died. . . . Germany issued a stamp in memory of composer Robert Schumann — with sheet music by Schubert behind him. . . . In 1947 Monaco issued a stamp showing Franklin D. Roosevelt with six fingers on his left hand.

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A demolition crew tearing down Armadillo World Headquarters in Austin uncovered a \$20 gold certificate along with other articles hidden in the old music hall. The building is being torn down to make room for a new luxury hotel. One envelope found in the wreckage contained \$250 in cash and had "rent money" written on the outside. The gold certificate was found inside an old magazine.

An economist is a man who thinks he knows more about money than the person who has it. — adios & thirty

Mint marks — symbols, letters, numbers — were put on coins as early as Roman times to indicate which of the emperor's workshops the coins were made in. Roman officials could then tell exactly where the coins came from if a question arose about the coin's design or workmanship.

from the secretary

Texas Numismatic Association

Eleanor Kennady
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WELCOME to new members 3847-3851 If approved the following will become members April 1981

3852 (D-6) Ken Engelking, 16109 Hickory Knoll, Houston, TX. 77059. CC silver dollars & U.S. gold. M. A. Currie Jr

3853 (D-3) Evan Gale, 2107 Southside, Brownwood, TX. 76801 U.S. type and silver dollars. Melba Coursey

3854 Jim Jones, Box 272, Newton, KS. 67114 U.S. Coins Bill Eetrick.

3855 Norman W. Pullen, Box 145, South Casco, Maine 04077. Dealer. Lyman C. Bartee.

3856 Michael P. Gumpel, 18350 Hatteras #134, Tarzana, CA 91356 U.S. Coins. Lyman C. Bartee

3857 (D-12) William A. Kelly, Box 1311, Lufkin, TX. 75901 Foreign coin & paper Texas tokens. Eleanor Kennady

3858 (D-6) Rob Scott, 114 Baretta, Conroe, TX. 77301. Silver dollars, Mercury dimes, Indian cents. Donald S. Higgins

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from the treasurer

Texas Numismatic Association

Stanford M. Kennady

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EVENTS CALENDAR

MARCH 14-15

CORPUS CHRISTI COIN CLUB, 23rd annual Collectors Show, Exposition Hall **BOURSE**: Carl Lobell, Box 3025, Corpus Christi 78404

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MARCH 21-22

SOUTH PLAINS COIN CLUB, Lubbock Memorial Civic Center **WRITE**: Club 3521 66th Dr., Lubbock 79413

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MARCH 28-29

WACO COIN CLUB, annual coin & stamp show **BOURSE**: Aubrey Carpenter, 1301 N. 62, Waco 76710

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APRIL 25-26

HUNT COUNTY COIN CLUB, annual show, Junior High School, Greenville, corner Stanford & King **BOURSE**: Roy R. Jones, 2805 Granger, Greenville 75401

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APRIL 25-26

AMARILLO COIN CLUB, annual coin show, Civic Center **CONTACT**: Nela Runkle, 4304 Jennie Ave., Amarillo 79106

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TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, 23rd convention, North Park Inn Convention Center, hosted by Dallas Coin Club

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JUNE 6-7

GARLAND COIN CLUB, 13th annual show, Sheraton Inn Dallas Northeast, 131 Freeway (I-635) Jupiter Rd **BOURSE**: Billy D. Gilbreath, Box 401303, Garland 75040

JUNE 11-14

GARDEN STATE NUMISMATIC ASSN., 6th annual convention, Hyatt Cherry Hill, Cherry Hill, New Jersey

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JUNE 27-28

FT. WORTH 10TH ANNUAL SUMMER COIN & STAMP SHOW Kahler Green Oaks Inn, 6901 West Freeway (I-30) Ft. Worth **BOURSE**: Joe Wade, 6420 Diamond Loch, Ft. Worth 76118

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JULY 10-12

DALLAS COIN CLUB, annual coin show, North Park Inn, 9300 N. Central Expressway **WRITE**: Club, Box 7673, Dallas 75209 (214 357-1379)

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JULY 18-19

NORTHLINE COIN CLUB annual show, Hohday Inn, 3702 North Belt 1, Houston **BOURSE**: Milton Dove, Box 92146, Houston 77206

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JULY 28-AUGUST 2

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSN., annual convention, Rivergate Convention Center, New Orleans, La

AUGUST 1-2

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CAPITAL CITY COIN CLUB annual show, Quality Inn South, 2200 S. Interstate 35, Austin **BOURSE**: Fred McCoy, 8709 Southview Rd., Austin 78737

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AUGUST 8-9

DALLAS COIN DEALERS ASSN., show, Northtown Shopping Center Mall 131 (I-635) & Webb (Loop) Dallas **WRITE**: DCD, 2901 Valley View # 122, Dallas 75234

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DISTRICT I -

The 298th meeting of **Fort Worth Coin Club** was held Jan. 6 with 41 members and guests present. The new club officers presided for the first time and are Elleta Havens, president; Robert



Joe Wade
Governor

Wilhelm, vice president; Lonnie C. Mears Jr., secretary, and Katherine Mears, treasurer.

Regret and grief were expressed concerning the death of Col. R. W. Darrah. The presence of this dynamic man will be missed by all who knew him.

A program was presented by Robert Wilhelm concerning the authentication of certain valuable U.S. coins, and some of the methods used to counterfeit these coins.

After the meeting, refreshments were served and an auction was conducted - **Lonnie C. Mears, Sec**

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Plans were discussed for participating in National Coin Week at both January meetings of **Stephenville Coin Club**. Morris Johnson said he would check into locations where members could set up displays.

Phil Davis gave a talk on "The Introductory to Grading Coins." He

said one of the first things to do is to purchase an "Official ANA Grading Standards for U.S. Coins" and grade your own coins first.

Club members donated coins for an auction with proceeds going to the American Heart Association in memory of Col. Raymond Darrah - **Mary Miller, Sec**

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DISTRICT IV -

Final plans are ready for the annual coin and stamp show sponsored by **Waco Coin Club**. The show will be held Mar. 27-29 at Waco Convention Center in the Texas Room. Aubrey Carpenter, Box 8014, Waco 76710 is bourse chairman.



Robert E. Greenwood
Governor

The January meeting was held at T&P&L Center and members heard a talk by Dr. Robert E. Greenwood, TNA District 4 governor, on fractional notgeld issued in 1921-23 in Germany by towns, etc. He showed numerous examples featuring a number of topics ranging from Martin Luther, Allied Nations of WWI, Wilson's 14 points to medieval German landmarks. Dr. Greenwood compared inflation of that period and post WWII in Europe to the inflation we are currently experi-

encing. Following the talk, Di Greenwood answered questions from the members.

An auction concluded the meeting. Twenty six members and guests were in attendance — **J. P. Jones, Sec.**

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Dates for the annual coin show planned by members of **Austin Coin Club** have been changed to Oct. 3-4 instead of Sept. 12-13.

The show will be at Quality Inn South. For further information contact the club, Box 1225, Austin 78767.

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DISTRICT V —

Members of **Garland Coin Club** are making plans for their 13th annual coin show on June 6-7 at The Sheraton Inn, Dallas Northeast, LBJ Freeway (1635) at Jupiter Rd. For information write

Jaines M. Brown, general chairman, or Billy D. Gilbreath, bourse chairman, Box 401303, Garland 75040.

At the January meeting, Gilbreath was appointed TNA representative and Bobby Gene Lebel was named ANA representative. Ed Edinger won the door prize and after a break for refreshments, an auction was held.

Jack Spann gave a program on "Grading of Coins" and showed examples from his one dollar collection in different grade conditions. Club members graded the coins according to their opinions. — **Lucretia Johnson, Sec.**

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Barney Welch
Governor

Members of **Dallas Coin Club** voted approval for the design for the INA medal to be released at the 23rd INA convention to be held in Dallas on May 1-3. The medal will portray the statue "Man's Tribute to Flight" which stands outside the terminal of Dallas' Love Field.

Members were encouraged to exhibit at the convention and for further information, contact C. C. Andrews at 357-1379.

Thelma Fittante and Ron Blaha were voted into the club as the newest members and B. B. Carpenter won the door prize — **Frank Clark, Sec.**

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Hunt County Coin Club annual show will be held in Greenville at the Junior High School, corner of Stanford & King Sts. on April 25-26.

Bourse chairman is Roy R. Jones, 2805 Granger, Greenville 75401, phone 214/455-1958.

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Main features in the January Bulletin published by **Numismatics International** of Dallas were articles by W. A. Haskell — "Churches Depicted on German-Austrian Notgeld," R. B. I. Dauwe — "Coins Circulating in Egypt During the Last Quarter of the 3rd Century A.D.," and Bill Thompson — "Why Collect Coins of the Isles Anglo-Normandes?"

NI officers include Jack E. Lewis, president, Philip I. Lawrence, vice president, John Demarais, secretary, Win B. Thompson, treasurer, Charles Muchmore Jr., Board chairman and past president C. C. Andrews and Don Douglas are directors at-large. — **Club Bulletin.**

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The new year got off to a good start with high attendance and interest continuing at the January meeting of the **Texomaland Coin and Stamp Club**.

Much of the business session was devoted to a discussion of a motion to offer a free membership to the wife of a member to encourage her interest in numismatics. The many complexities of the motion became quickly apparent in the discussion that followed. The need for more time for consideration resulted in the motion being tabled until the next meeting.

An invitation to have a coin show in a nearby city was discussed. Charles Wingo agreed to visit the suggested site and report his findings and recommendations to the membership.

President Barney Welch briefly discussed an apparent growing numismatic interest in decimal value krugerrands. Vice President Shane Fulmer then called the club's auction. As usual, the refreshment break included a delicious cake surprise prepared by Gertrud Welch – **Charles A. Wingo, TNA Rep**

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DISTRICT VI –

Clubs in District 6 and meeting dates and location are as follows:

Greater Houston Coin Club, First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin St., 3rd Thursday

Baytown Coin Club, Exxon Credit Bldg., 2900 Decker Dr., 4th Friday

Bellaire Coin Club, United Savings, 5301 A Bissonnet, 2nd & 4th Tuesday



Gerald Kendall
Governor

Houston International Coin Club, La Quinta Motor Inn, N.W. Freeway at 34th St., 2nd Tuesday

Pasadena Coin Club, Sambo's Restaurant, 1150 Edgebrook Rd., 2nd & 4th Mondays

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DISTRICT VIII –

Ross Barrera and Glen Littrell, members of **Liberty Coin Club** of Corpus Christi, attended a recent City Council meeting held to prepare an ordinance regulating the sale of precious metals. Ross



Joe B. Davis
Governor

addressed the Council, reminding them that other legislative bodies had passed hastily thought-out ordinances and found it necessary to repeal.

Among the guidelines discussed by the Council were: the requirement of a license, a daily report of transactions, a 48-hour hold, buying or selling to minors and dealer registration. Barrera was assured that club-sponsored shows would be exempt and the sponsor would be charged with the policing of their own show.

Door prize winners at the Jan. 20 meeting were Olga Perez and Elisa Barrera. Jennifer Garza was approved as a junior member. At the Jan. 6 meeting, new members welcomed were John Muha and Ernest Howe. Prize winners were Dick Irby and Donnie Palacios – **Club Bulletin**

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John Face was named general chairman for the 23rd annual Collectors show to be hosted Mar. 14-15 at

Exposition Hall by **Corpus Christi Coin Club** Assisting will be Carl Lobell, bourse, and Dick Irby, publicity For information write the club, Box 3025, Corpus Christi 78404

President C H Roberts appointed Robert Evans to serve as TNA representative, and Glen Littrell will serve as ANA representative

Members voted to assemble a complete type set of American coins to be placed in the Corpus Christi Museum.

At one of the meetings, Floyd Bieniek showed a film on the Aztec sun calendar giving all its various signs. Mrs Florence MacDonald was to give a talk on the Liberty Bell at the next meeting She was to tell of the three opinions as to the source of the Liberty Bell and relations to U.S coins carrying the symbol – **Club Bulletin**.

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DISTRICT IX –

D O Joplin conducted the January meeting of **Lamb County Coin Club** of Littlefield in the absence of both the president and vice president

It was reported that the club netted \$165.36 from the recent coin show and Joplin thanked members for attending the **Levelland Coin Club** Christmas party and taking part in the auction.

Dr. G. O. Smith was accepted as a new member Ray Tyler was in charge of refreshments. – **D O Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9**

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A good attendance was reported at
MARCH, 1981



D O Joplin
Governor

the January meeting of **South Plains Coin Club** of Lubbock with 45 present Members voted a \$50 donation for use of the Club House, Precinct #1 for meetings It was announced that 23 dealers had reserved tables for the annual show

Ed Chauncey gave a program on U.S. currency discussing dates and denominations Herman Jacobs and D O Joplin conducted a 62-lot auction.

– **D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.**

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Members of **Levelland Coin Club**, meeting at Alton's Kornor, voted to not sponsor a coin show for 1981 Reports were heard on past and upcoming area shows.

A discussion was held on the annual Christmas party and ways to improve efforts in the future with all members participating – **D O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.**

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DISTRICT XI –

April 25-26 are the dates for the annual **Amarillo Coin Club** show to be held at the Civic Center Roy Wilson is general chairman assisted by Curtis Maple, tickets; Linda Runkle, advertising; Dr.

Wm Stout, linens, Rosemary White, registration, Bob Billingsley, penny barrel, and Dan Boydston, property For more information, contact Nela Runkle, 4304 Jennie Ave., Amarillo 79106

Winning door prizes at the January meeting were Gordon Boyle, Franky



Tommy Tompkins
Governor

Hill, Dr. Stout, Trisha Frost and Curtis Maple. The Junior Quiz was won by Derek Woods.

Charles Taylor was to give the program at the February meeting on "The Ten Major Jefferson Nickel Varieties." — **Club Bulletin**

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DISTRICT XIII —

We are the new kids on the block — **Red River Coin Club** of Iowa Park. The club was officially opened for membership Oct. 1, 1980 and meets the second Thursday in the Texas Electric Service Co. building, 221 W. Park St.

The primary purpose of the club is to gather in a relaxed atmosphere to buy and sell coins. Business is a minimum, fun the maximum! Each third month will be set aside as "Swap Meet."

Club officers are Robbie Robinson, president; Joe Ward, vice president; Rebecca Pemberton, secretary; and John Van Dunk, treasurer — **Rebecca Pemberton, Sec.**

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The **Wichita Falls Stamp & Coin Club** started off the new year with a large turnout of members, guests, and new members in January.

A new slate of officers for the year are James Talley, president, Gene Hern, vice president, Rebecca Pemberton, secretary, and Nancy Lemmond, treasurer.

Pres. Talley expressed the hope of making 1981 a very active year for the

club. Following this, the late Hern requested that each member suggest what they would like to see presented as a program. Member involvement will be the club's main goal.

Officer Dale Franklin with the Crime Control Bureau of W. F. Police Department presented a program giving a break-down on the number of uniformed officers and then pointed out that what each has to do is to look out for each other. The police force can not do it alone. Officer Franklin showed a film on distributed residential security manuals to all those present. He urged each of those present to have a home security check done, a service which is provided by the police department.

After a refreshment break provided by the club hostess, Bill Howard and Hern conducted the auction — **Rebecca Pemberton, Sec.**

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DISTRICT XV —

Tom Cobb was elected president of **Greater Port Arthur Coin Club** at a recent meeting. Assisting will be Glen Dowden, vice president, Linda Dowden, secretary; John Gleason, treasurer, and Roy Tritico, junior vice president.

The T. G. Brown Memorial Award for outstanding club member was presented to the late Linda Cobb. The club members will always remember her hard work and quiet support.

Items of business which were to be discussed at the January meeting



Bill Howard
Governor



Jerry A. Williams
Governor

were coin show plans for Mar 7-8 at the Port Arthur Civic Center, selling of ads for the Newsletter, and the paying of club dues to ANA. John Gleason was to give the program. — **Club Bulletin**

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Members of **Greater Orange Coin Club** met in January with Doug Hales presiding. A discussion was held concerning a coin show in June and the possibility of having a two-day show. Dewey Scott and Jerry Williams were appointed to find a suitable location.

Glenn Dowden gave a program on the legality of the 1969S double die cent. The coin has been examined by technicians at the U.S. Mint and declared to be genuine. Value for an

uncirculated specimen, according to the coin market advisory panel, would be in the \$600 range.

Door prize winners were Earlene Hughes, Alton Hughes and George May. Hales conducted the auction. — **Lucy Canter, Rec. Sec.**

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New officers were elected for **Beaumont Coin Club** and include Pat Mounier, president, Carol Mounier, vice president, Butch Edwards, secretary, and John Brown, treasurer.

The group thanked the outgoing officers who are Ray Beck, Alton Hughes, John Gleason and Steve Pecora.

Jerry Williams was to be in charge of the program for the regular meeting. — **Club Bulletin.**

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OCTOBER 3-4

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Mrs. Whitley was a member of TNA, ANA, Dallas Coin Club and Dallas East Coin Club. She had served as secretary of Mesquite Coin Club. Her husband, Earl D. Whitley, who preceded her in death, had served the Mesquite club as president.

Mrs. Whitley was born and reared in Waco and had lived in Dallas the past 25 years.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE —

(Continued from page 4)

125 tables. The exhibit chairman would welcome additional exhibits.

Nominations for district governors

in several districts were disappointing. However, the incoming president will make appointments with the approval of the governing board.

If you have not paid your TNA or ANA dues, do it now and not become a delinquent.

If you are a member of ANA and feel you can spare a few dollars, send it to the building fund. A little or much will be appreciated.

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While the Hanukkah coin is already a tradition in Israel, the first silver coin to be issued specifically for the Christmas season and to refer to this both in design and description is the Christmas coin issued by the Isle of Man in 1980. This sterling silver coin, weighing 15.50 grams, has a face value of 50 pence and features an artist's impression of Dickensian coach and horses and the arrival of the paddle steamer, "Mona's Isle" from Liverpool with the Christmas mail in December 1830. The coin was struck by the Pobjoy Mint, Mint House Oldfields Rd., Sutton, Surrey, England.

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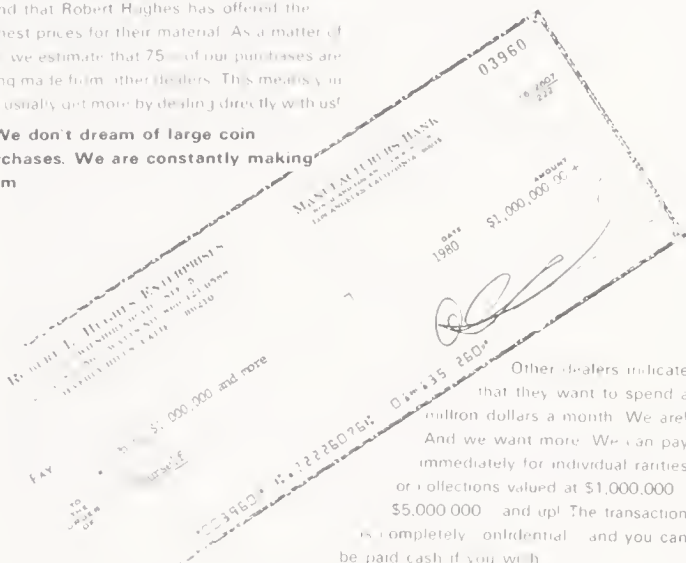
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